Subject No. 269.

Treatment of topes planted for public use as private property.

Summary of discussion.—Topes planted for the use of the public, though by private individuals, have been assessed and treated as private holdings. This is wrong and affords an opportunity to the registered holders to cut down the trees and destroy the tope.

Dewan's reply.—It was wrong to do so. An order on the subject is under consideration.

Subject No. 270.

Extent to which private tanks should be maintained.

Summary of discussion.—It is a rule that private tanks on account of which a chauthayi concession is granted, should be maintained in efficient condition by those who enjoy the concession. In enforcing this rule, the owners are required to carry out excessive work to the tanks in question. It should be sufficient if the tanks are maintained in a fairly efficient condition.

Dewan's reply.—Yes. That is the rule.

Subject No. 271.

Grant of free licenses for removing saline earth to occupants of lands.

Summary of discussion.—Occupants of lands should be given free licenses for removing saline earth from their Patta lands for manufacture of earth-salt.

Dewan's reply.—The standing orders will not allow of fresh pans being opened. There is no objection to pattadars selling their saline earth to holders of licenses for existing salt pans.

Subject No. 272.

Removal of leaves for manure from Government Plantations.

Summary of dicussion.—Raiyats should be allowed to take for manure fallen leaves from Government Plantations. They would willingly pay 4 annas a cart-load.

Dewan's reply.—The Forest Department will be instructed on this subject.

Subject No. 273.

Substitution of stone bandhs on dry lands in lieu of earthen mounds.

Summary of discussion.—(1) Stone bandhs should be substituted for earthen mounds on dry lands as in the case of wet lands, as the existing mud bandhs are subject to damage from cattle and afford shelter to rats and snakes.

(2) The raiyats who have repaired the bandhs on Government unoccupied lands have not been paid the amount allowed for the purpose by the rules.

Dewan's reply.—(1) No. (2) The Deputy Commissioner says no complaint was made to him. He will now enquire and report.

Subject No. 274.

Deputy Commissioners should hear appeals in certain cases of wrong classification and high assessment of lands at Settlement.

Summary of discussion.—In the Malur Taluk lands commanding no means of irrigation have, in some cases, been assessed at wet or garden rates and inferior Kharab lands planted with fuel trees by the aid of rain-water, have been classed as Kushki Bagayat and assessed at high dry rates varying from Rs. 1—8—0 to Rs. 3 per acre, while the assessment imposed on good culturable dry lands is only Re. 1 or 1½ per acre and land always wet has been classed as Tari Bagayat and assessed accordingly at Settlement. The Deputy Commissioner should be empowered to hear appeals in such cases and give the needful redress.

Note.—The Survey Superintendent observed that Colonel Rutherfurd examined this complaint and found that there was no case of the kind.

Dewan's reply.—Petition in individual cases to the Deputy Commissioner, who will examine them and report to the Survey Superintendent, if need be.

Subject No. 275.

Revision of assessment on lands under small tanks.

Summary of discussion.—Lands under small tanks have been assessed at the same rates as those under large tanks constructed or improved at a cost of Rs. 70,000 or 80,000 and supplying irrigation for two crops. The rates of assessment under small tanks should therefore be revised with reference to the extent of irrigation afforded by the same.

Dewan's reply.—No. The assessment does not depend upon the size of a tank.

Subject No. 276.

Assessment of dry lands converted into wet from a private enterprise tank should continue at dry crop rate.

Summary of discussion.—When land assessed at dry crop rates is converted into wet with water from a private enterprise tank, no water rate or wet assessment should be levied. The dry crop rate should be continued.

Dewan's reply.—Petition where a different course is pursued.

Subject No. 277.

Levy of "Kanike" should be prohibited.

Summary of discussion.—"Kanike" should not be levied in addition to the amount mentioned in the Pattas (Title deeds) of Kodagi Inams settled by the Inam Department.

Dewan's reply.—Petition in individual cases.

Subject No. 278.

Gudibanda to be Taluk Head Quarters.

Summary of discussion.—Gudibanda should be made the Head Quarters of the Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—No.

Subject No. 279.

Permission for presentation of Darkhasts and Rajinamas to the village officers.

Summary of discussion.—Permission should be granted for presentation of Darkhasts and Rajinamas to village officers.

Dewan's reply.—The present rules afford every necessary facility.

Subject No. 280.

A breeding bull for the Goribidnur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A bull for cattle breeding is required for the Goribidnur Taluk.

Dewan's reply.—The Amrut Mahal Department have been instructed.

Subject No. 281.

Licenses for removal of firewood from the Makolibetta, Gedarabetta and Volsebetta Forests.

Summary of discussion.—People suffer hardship from scantiness of fuel in the Goribidnur Taluk. Licenses should, therefore be issued to cut and remove dried firewood from the Forests of Makolibetta, Gedarabetta and Volsebetta.

Dewan's reply.—It appears that licenses are issued on payment for cutting firewood in these jungles which are reserved owing to their proximity to the Railway line.